

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of the claims currently pending in the application, as amended:

1.-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) A method for coupling a vehicle having a wireless protocol-enabled device and a power supply to a wireless device, the method comprising:

- coupling with the vehicle power supply by way of a cigarette lighter adapter or vehicle accessory outlet;
- connecting with the wireless device;
- providing a conduit for power between the vehicle power supply and the wireless device;
- transmitting audio information using the wireless protocol to the wireless protocol-enabled device;
- receiving audio information using the wireless protocol from the wireless protocol-enabled device; and
- communicating the audio information to and from the wireless device.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the wireless protocol is Bluetooth.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37 further comprising translating the audio information to and from the wireless protocol to a form compatible with the wireless device.

40. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the wireless device is a wireless phone.

41. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the wireless protocol-enabled device is a hands-free car kit.

42. (Original) The method of claim 37 further comprising wirelessly exchanging signals under a Bluetooth protocol with the wireless protocol-enabled device.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a connection device, comprising:

integrating a wireless protocol module into a charge cord, wherein the charge cord is adapted to deliver electrical power to a wireless device from a vehicle power supply, and wherein the wireless protocol module is configured to transmit and receive packetized data under the wireless protocol; and

at least partially enclosing the wireless protocol module in a housing.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for coupling a mobile device to a power supply and a wireless protocol enabled device, comprising:

a charge cord having a first end and a second end, the charge cord for providing power from the power supply to the mobile device;

a power adapter located at the first end of the charge cord, the power adapter for coupling the power supply to the charge cord;

a connector coupled to the second end of the charge cord, the connector for coupling the charge cord to the mobile device; and

a wireless protocol module coupled to the charge cord, the wireless protocol module for wirelessly coupling the mobile device to the wireless protocol enabled device, wherein the wireless protocol module is configured to transmit and receive packetized data under the wireless protocol;

wherein the charge cord also provides power to the wireless protocol module.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the wireless protocol is selected from Bluetooth, the IEEE 802.11 family, and HomeRF.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the mobile device is a cellular telephone.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the wireless protocol enabled device is a vehicle hands-free kit capable of communicating via the wireless protocol.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the wireless protocol enabled device is a headset capable of communicating via the wireless protocol.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the charge cord conveys at least one of data and voice from the connector coupled with the mobile device to the wireless protocol module.

51. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the power adapter is a vehicle cigarette lighter adapter.